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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: VETERANS COMPETITIVE GRANTS

The United States Department of Labor (DOL), Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) announced a grant competition for the Program Year 2002 Veterans' Workforce Investment Program in the April 29 Federal Register (Volume 67, Number 82). Up to \$6,500,000 will be made available and individual awards may be up to \$850,000. The VETS expects to award up to 16 grants. Applications in excess of \$850,000 will be considered nonresponsive.

The funding is authorized under Section 168 of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). State and Local Workforce Investment Boards, local public agencies, and private nonprofit organizations (described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code), including faith-based and community organizations, are eligible to apply. Additional information is contained in the [April 29 Federal Register](#).

Per the federal solicitation no more than one grant will be funded in any state. In response to this solicitation, the Employment Development (EDD) will be submitting an application for \$850,000, on behalf of the State of California. It is the State's intention to supplement any funding received as a result of submitting this application with \$6 million of WIA 15 Percent Governor's Discretionary money. This funding will be made available by EDD to local veteran service providers through a competitive process, as done in past years. The goal of this effort is to fund as many successful proposals as possible and provide the necessary technical assistance to ensure these local projects are successful.

For further information regarding the DOL grant competition, contact Cassandra Willis at (202) 693-4570 (this is not a toll-free number).

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